Updates and Reminders: December 1 Child Count 2015

1. **Important Dates**

    ❖ **LEAs will report data from Monday, December 1, 2015**

    ❖ **The Child Count "window":**
    Opens = December 1, 2015
    Closes = December 17, 2015

    ❖ **Resubmission window (revisions & corrections):**
    Re-opens = January 5, 2016
    Closes   = January 7, 2016

    Reminder: If your division re-submits child count data, it is your responsibility to notify any other division that might be impacted by your change. A revision you make may result in a needed revision by another division.

    ❖ **Certification report due:**
    Collected = during the week of January 25-29, 2016, *only.*

2. **Special Education; Virtual Schools**

    ❖ House Bill 1086 approved March 31, 2014
    Special education; full-time virtual school programs. Requires each local school board to provide free and appropriate special education for each student with a disability who attends a full-time virtual school program in the school division but resides in another school division in the Commonwealth. The bill provides that the school division in which the student resides shall (i) be released from the obligation to provide free and appropriate special education for such student and (ii) transfer to the school division in which the student attends a full-time virtual school program state and federal funds for the education of such students.
    http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+ful+CHAP0433

    ❖ What does this mean for the December Child Count?
    The division hosting the virtual school is **both** the responsible and serving division.   The hosting division will report the student on the December 1 Child Count.

3. **December Child Count & Indicator 6**

    ❖ **Indicator 6** data are extracted from the December 1 Child Count Collection

❖ **Important:** Although indicator 6 assesses specific data for students ages 3 through 5 with IEPs, for federal reporting on the December 1 Child Count, the LEA **MUST** report data on **all** students receiving special education services.

4. **Parentally-placed Students and Proportionate Set Aside**

   ❖ LEA will report all parentally-placed students in private schools on the December Child Count.
   ❖ Parentally-placed students' data are extracted from the December Child Count and are used in various reports.
   ❖ Proportionate set aside funds are used to cover the cost.

   Note: Under §300.132 (c) Provision of Services for parentally-placed private school children with disabilities, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will collect the following data:

   Record keeping: Each LEA must maintain in its records, and provide to the SEA, the following information related to parentally-placed private school children covered under Sec. Sec. 300.130 through 300.144:
   • The number of children evaluated
   • The number of children determined to be children with disabilities
   • The number of children served
   (Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(A)(i))

5. **Summer Regional Program (July 1 – August 31)**

   ❖ There are only 6 reported disability categories for the summer regional program: AUT, DB, ED, HI, MD, and TBI.

   ❖ **"N" record:** Enable a division to claim summer reimbursement for a student not enrolled in that division on December 1

6. **Prekindergarten and Kindergarten**

   ❖ Please make sure students are properly reported by age and grade.

   ❖ The number one error: **Student was coded in error.**
   • 25 percent of divisions have human coding errors for PK students.
   • In one division, 3 students age 6 were reported as PK. However, records indicated that the students were actually being served in grade 1.
   • Another division reported 5 PK students as age 8. Records revealed that the students were actually in grade 3.

7. **Severe Disability**

   The disability category **Severe Disability** (SD) is no longer active.

8. **Regular Class Percent:**

   ❖ Ages 0-5   = Not required (Report zero or null)

   ❖ Ages 6-21+   = Required

9. **Developmentally Delayed (DD) is for ages 2-6 (age as of December 1)**

   ❖ Reporting ages over 6 for DD will generate a fatal error

   ❖ For the December 1 Child Count reporting, all birthdates must be consistent with the state's DD age criteria.

10. **State Operated Programs**

   ❖ SOPs report their own data to the VDOE; LEAs do not report.

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